

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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It is wrong to rock the boat, but you may tip the walter.

Hay fever will be along presently to prove that summer is here.

Before long there will re-echo the first call for the dog muzzie.

Won't some one please start the simplified spelling bee buzzing in Turkey?

A north pole explorer frequently finds it much farther returning home than it was going.

In some absorbing and disappointed quarters it is suspected that the little princess of Orange is looked on as more of a lemon.

Have you ever noticed that the man who adopts every health fad that comes along is seldom a very well man?

Show us a great man and we will show you a man who was just simply crazy to join a drum corps when he was a boy.

"Graft" being a Dutch word meaning canal, we are inclined to think that the graft on Mars must have been something terrible.

A Boston man was arrested for laughing at a woman's big hat. Boston considers the size of those chopping bowls no laughing matter.

The automobile pays scant respect to its venerable forerunner, the bicycle. Frequently the arrogant chauffeur refuses to allow the humble wheelman even six inches of space when meeting him in a narrow roadway.

In 1890 the consumption of cigars in the United States was 4,000,000,000. In 1908 the total was just double, or 8,000,000,000. That represents a great deal of money to go up in smoke, but it also shows that the tobacco business is enormous. And as most of the cigars are made of American tobacco the growing of the "weed" is of importance agriculturally.

China wants Americans to participate in the new loan that is to be applied to railroad building and to the development of the resources of the empire. The present wideawake rulers of the Celestial Kingdom are aware of the value of disinterested American friendship and of the usefulness in their business of American ideas.

The first airing of the little Dutch princess brought good luck, as the soldier who saw the royal baby and gave the helress to the throne her first salute was rewarded with a banknote. It is a happy augury that the first official act connected with the baby princess' life was the cause of honor to herself and happiness to others. The precedent should serve as a good one for her future reign.

The proposed tax on American motor tourists in England of over \$200, even for a visit of a few days, will result in cutting the tight little isle out of many a motoring trip's itinerary. And as American tourists are a very profitable European summer investment, the short-sighted authors of the tax will be the sorriest of all if it is imposed. The idea in Europe apparently is, "When short of funds, tax Americans more ways."

A wild coffee plant discovered in the Congo country is being used with great success in Java, where it thrives in ground in which other coffee plants die or cease to bear. The African variety is very prolific and the taste and aroma of the berries improve as the plants grow older. Overcultivation, like civilization, seems to have a de-energizing effect. It takes a little infusion of the wild at intervals to keep things going.

The United States war department wants a lot of young men with some engineering knowledge to help lay out the work of intracoastal waterway improvements from Boston to Florida. The young men are needed for surveying, and the duties involved will make good training for embryo engineers. Incidentally the announcement indicates that waterway improvement is making steady progress and means much for the future transportation interests of the country.

England may now recover from the apprehension felt regarding attack by the upper route. Reports from that country are to the effect that an airship has been perfected that surpasses anything of the kind in existence, and it is expected that a flight from Paris to London will soon be made. The flying machine is the property of an English company, but was constructed in France. The announcement seems to be a sort of answer to the Zeppelin challenge.

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE



ASK ANY BOY.

ORVILLE WRIGHT BROKE RECORD

FIRST GOVERNMENT TEST SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHED.

With Lieut. Lahm as Passenger Remained in Air One Hour 12 Minutes and 40 Seconds.

Washington, D. C.—The world's aeroplane record for two men, as to both time and distance, was broken in a beautiful flight of one hour, 12 minutes and 40 seconds—upwards of 50 miles and at a speed averaging about 40 miles an hour, by Orville Wright at Fort Myer, with Lieut. Frank J. Lahm of the army signal corps as passenger. The former record was made last year by his brother, Wilbur, joint inventor with him of the machine in which both achievements were performed, at Le Mans, France, with Prof. Painleve, of the French Institute, as passenger. That flight was one hour nine minutes and 31 seconds.

The cheering which heralded the setting of a new mark in the conquest of the air was led by President Taft in person, who had sat an intensely interested spectator throughout the flight, and who insisted at its conclusion upon personally congratulating the brothers upon their success. This success was all-important to the Wrights in that it completed the first of two crucial tests of their machine imposed upon them by the United States government—the so-called endurance test, which required them to remain one hour continuously in the air with one passenger. Orville did nearly 13 minutes better than that, and could have kept on indefinitely—three hours and a half, the limit imposed by the gasoline capacity of the supply tank.

Wabash Train in the River.

Kansas City, Mo.—The wreck of the Continental Limited eastbound Wabash passenger train near Orrick, Mo., about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night caused the death of seven persons, including the engineer and fireman and the baggage master, who was also the express agent, an infant child and two negroes, laborers. Twenty-nine persons were so badly hurt that they were treated in the German hospital here.

No More Bodies Found.

Kansas City, Mo.—The search for the lost trainmen in the Wabash wreck of last Saturday four miles east of Orrick continues without finding any trace of the men. The men known to be still in the wreck are: W. A. Flowers of Moberly, engineer; Lee LeBond of Moberly, fireman; Harry Eckers of St. Louis, baggage man. Edward Moore of Orrick, a farmer who is believed to have been on the train, was not heard from last night.

Taft Invited to Wichita.

Wichita, Kansas.—Postmaster W. C. Edwards for the Peerless Prophets of Wichita communicated through Congressman Victor Murdock an invitation from the city of Wichita to President Taft to visit this city during the Peerless Prophets' celebration the week of September 20.

Roger Bresnahan, manager of the St. Louis National league team, announced that Pitcher Raleigh, a left-hander on the Vernon, Cal., team, is to report to the local organization to the near future.

BRISTOW CONSULTS PRESIDENT

The Kansas Senator Explained Position of "Progressives" on the Pending Tariff Bill.

Washington, D. C.—At an informal meeting of the "progressive" senators Bristow made report of a visit he made to the White house.

His visit was made in view of a statement attributed to the president criticising the position of the "progressive" senators. Mr. Bristow stated that he had found the president insistent upon a downward revision as outlined by him in his campaign speeches, and so far as he went in that direction the progressives were with him. He also told his associates the president was not especially pleased with the bill so far as it has been formulated in conference.

Senator Bristow, called on the president to assure him that the progressive Republicans agreed with him as to the basis of tariff revision. They felt, Bristow said, that the Republican platform should be accepted in its statement that protection should carry the difference in the cost of production plus a reasonable profit to the manufacturer.

READY FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Missouri Will Appeal Two-Cent Fare and Maximum Freight Rate Laws to Highest Tribunal.

Jefferson City, Missouri.—Attorney General Major and Fred W. Lehman of St. Louis and Sanford B. Ladd of Kansas City, the latter two being special counsel for the state have completed the assignment of errors upon which they hope the United States supreme court will reverse the finding of Judge Smith McPherson of the federal court in Kansas City in his decision against the two-cent passenger fare law and the maximum freight rate act.

The assignment of errors deals with both the cases, the maximum freight rate and the passenger fare laws. Even outside of Missouri there is great interest in the outcome of this appeal, as many states are interested to know if they can, by statute, control local railroad rates. The attorney general will ask to have the case advanced, in which event he anticipates a final determination within 12 months.

TUBERCULOSIS IN STATE PRISON

One Hundred and Sixty Out of 812 in Kansas Penitentiary Show Signs of the Disease.

Leavenworth, Kansas.—The examination of the 812 prisoners of the Kansas penitentiary to determine who were afflicted with tuberculosis has been completed. Dr. S. L. Axford, the prison physician, kept a close record of the result of the application of the tuberculosis tests. It was found that 160 prisoners showed signs of tuberculosis, but that in two-fifths of the cases it was so slight as to make it questionable. The percentage of tubercular patients was the highest in the insane ward, where 11 out of 21 had a positive reaction. The woman's department came next with 12 out of 39.

Holland Will Send Cruiser.

Berlin.—A private dispatch from The Hague says: "Holland will send the cruiser Noord Brabant to take part in the Portola festival at San Francisco."

MAKE PART OF MISSOURI DRY

Signatures Will Be Obtained for Submission of Prohibition Under Initiative and Referendum.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The signature of 22,769 qualified voters of the state are necessary for the submission of a state-wide prohibition measure under the initiative and referendum at the next election, according to a letter which Secretary of State Roach sent to Rev. Charles E. Stokes of Kansas City. This number, the letter states, represents five per cent of the legal voters in two-thirds of the congressional districts.

The letter adds that the petitions must be prepared by districts. Mr. Stokes asked the secretary of state several days ago for figures on the first, second, third, seventh, eighth, ninth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth districts. None of these embraces any part of the large cities of the state and it is believed, therefore, that Mr. Stokes and his associates will seek to obtain the necessary signatures for submission from the country districts only.

OPPOSED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Members of Topeka Club Leading a Movement Antagonistic to Prohibition in Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas.—An organization known as the Topeka Union league has been formed with branches already existing in several of the other large cities of the state, to oppose the strict enforcement of the prohibitory law. Recent attacks in the courts on the Topeka club, a local social organization are said to be responsible for the formation of the new league. Plans are now under foot to oppose in the coming campaign candidates favorable to the strict enforcement of the law. The club also will work for the enactment of legislation to allow liquors to be kept and used at social clubs.

Branch organizations are said to exist in Leavenworth, Atchison, Wichita, Newton and Hutchinson.

SENATOR STONE WAS ACQUITTED

The Judge Said the Provocation Was Such That He Was Absolutely Justifiable.

Baltimore, Md.—Declaring that under the circumstances the assault was justifiable, Police Magistrate Eugene Grannan, of the central district dismissed the charge against Senator William J. Stone of Missouri, of having assaulted Lawrence G. Brown, a waiter on the Pennsylvania railroad train. Justice Grannan said: "Senator Stone, I have travelled a great deal in my time. I can fully appreciate the treatment that you receive at the hand of Brown, who it has been shown was discourteous in the extreme. I feel that you had sufficient provocation and that you were absolutely justified in reprimanding and striking Brown. I dismiss you."

Big Kansas Wheat Yields.

Clay Center, Kansas.—Judging from the wheat yields on fields where the grain has been threshed, it appears that Clay county wheat will average this year about 25 bushels to the acre. The best yield yet reported was 43 bushels on 33 acres north of town.

Six Injured in a Collision.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Six passengers on the Chicago & Northwestern passenger train which left Des Moines for South Dakota points were injured in a collision between that train and a freight train four miles south of Ames. There were no fatalities.

TARIFF AGREEMENT REACHED

Republican Members of the Conference Committee are Ready to Report on the Schedules.

Washington, D. C.—After working for nearly three weeks at what proved to be one of the longest and most arduous tasks ever experienced in tariff building, the majority members of the conference committee on the Payne-Aldrich bill brought their labors to a sudden close at 6 o'clock. Without a moment's delay, the senate and house leaders whose names are carried by the bill, started away by automobile for Fort Myer, with the intention of laying their report before President Taft, who had gone to see what had been intended as the last official flight of the Wright brothers aeroplane.

All day the conferees had struggled with the question of bringing down the house rates on gloves and the senate rates on lumber to figure they felt would meet with executive approval. In this effort the conferees failed.



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Mr. Rant—Some men are.
Mrs. Rant—Who are they?
Mr. Rant—Single men.

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